

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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July 15, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

REJECT BIDS
PROJECT ID NO. WRDD000012
LIVE OAK DAM AND RESERVOIR SEDIMENT REMOVAL
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Reject all bids received on May 25, 2004, for Project ID No. WRDD000012, Live Oak Dam and Reservoir Sediment Removal, in the vicinity of Claremont.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

To ensure that representative and competitive bids are received for the removal and disposal of sediment deposited in Live Oak Dam and Reservoir.

On May 25, 2004, three bids were received for the work of this contract. The apparent low bid was 19 percent above the engineer's estimate. Because of a clerical error, the low bidder was released from its bid as provided for by the Public Contract Code. The second low bid is 62 percent above the engineer's estimate. Since this bid is substantially higher than the estimate, we believe rejecting all bids is in the best interest of the County.

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A certified record of receipt of the bids and the original bid proposals as submitted by the bidders are enclosed.

<u>Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals</u>

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence and Fiscal Responsibility since it will allow Public Works to rebid this project to complete the sediment removal project at the lowest cost possible.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The cost to readvertise this project will be minimal and will be offset by savings in construction costs.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The "Instructions to Bidders" included in the bid documents provides for the rejection of all bids by your Board if such action is in the best interest of the County.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This action has no environmental impact.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The delay in constructing this project will have little or no long-term impact on current services.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES Director of Public Works

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Enc.

cc: Chief Administrative Office

County Counsel

Office of Affirmative Action Compliance